

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

1. **Related Application.** This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/426,382 filed October 25, 1999 entitled "Large-Scale, Fault-Tolerant Audio Conferencing Over a Hybrid Network" which application is related to co-owned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/426,684 filed October 25, 1999 entitled "Large-Scale, Fault-Tolerant Audio Conferencing in a Purely Packet-Switched Network" ~~LARGE SCALE, FAULT-TOLERANT AUDIO CONFERENCING IN A PURELY PACKET SWITCHED NETWORK~~, filed on the same date as this application.